

**P-20 Council Meeting Notes**  
Buck Library, Buena Vista Conference Center  
New Castle, DE  
Monday, January 9, 2017

**Welcome**

State Board of Education Executive Director Donna Johnson welcomed Council members to the meeting. The meeting was called to order.

Members present: Donna Johnson, Michael Watson, Sharon Pepukayi, Kendall Massett, Frederika Jenner, Justina Sapna, Joanne Finnigan, Steven Yeatman, Jeff Gibson, Jim Wilson, Rep. Earl Jaques, Sen. David Sokola, John Pelesko and Ashley Dalzell-Gray.

Others present: Deb Stevens, Kim Joyce, Julie Fedele, Ariana Minella, Kelsey Mensch, Jenna Bucsak, Shana Payne, Dan Rich, Kelly Sherretz, and Luke Rhine.

**P-20 Council Business**

Approval of Minutes

It was noted that a quorum of the Council was present. A motion was made by Rep. Jaques to approve the minutes from the October meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yeatman and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Reports from Subcommittees on Reducing Remediation Rates in ELA and Math

Shana Payne and co-chair Jeff Gibson provided an update on the Reducing Remediation Rates Subcommittee for ELA and Michael Watson and co-chair John Pelesko provided an update on the Reducing Remediation Rates for Math. Both subcommittees have held several meetings and will continue to meet through June. The P-20 Council will continue to receive updates at their quarterly meetings.

**Pathways to Prosperity Program Update**

Luke Rhine, Director of Career and Technical Education and STEM Initiatives, was joined by Kim Joyce from Delaware Technical and Community College. They provided an update on the Pathways to Prosperity Program noting that by 2024 Delaware will hire or replace 30% of its workforce. The labor market can forecast which areas will experience growth and the 14 Delaware pathways can assist by providing the workforce that will be needed. The Strategic Plan of the Delaware Pathways partners the Department with Delaware Technical and Community College, the Delaware Department of Labor, United Way of Delaware and the Rodel Foundation and the Delaware Workforce Development Board in the mission that Delaware students in grade 7-14 will be prepared for continuing education and competitive employment through greater access to a statewide work-based learning system. The goal is that by school year 2019-20, Delaware's work-based learning system will support 2,500 high school and 5,700 postsecondary students as they

pursue career experiences in partnership with a Delaware employer. The P-20 Council members worked in small groups to review the principles document and provided feedback.

### **ESSA Update on State Plan Development**

Donna Johnson, State Board Executive Director, stated that the Department would be releasing its second draft of the Plan the following day. The draft would highlight the changes that have been made as well as the feedback that has been received. The third and final draft will be released on February 28<sup>th</sup> and the plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education the first week of April.

### **WEIC Annual Report and Update**

Tony Allen and Dan Rich provided the WEIC Annual Report to the P-20 Council. The presentation provided highlights of the legislative action to date and the work of the committee from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Priorities as well as action taken on the three main areas of the Action Agenda for Improved Student Outcomes were noted in the areas of: meeting Wilmington student needs; funding student success and creating responsive governance. The path forward of the commission will focus on its top priority: Statewide, equitable funding for low-income students, English language learners, and basic special education students K–3. Mr. Allen and Dr. Rich noted that the P-20 Council could assist by recommending improved alignment of resources and programs to support student learning and development from birth through college and workforce.

### **Teach DE**

Kelly Sherretz and Ariana Minella presented the new initiative that will focus on teacher preparation and is a joint effort by the Partnership for Public Education and the Institute for Public Administration. The goal is to ensure a robust supply of teacher candidates and to promote a diverse teacher workforce and align teacher preparation programs. The Leadership Council for Teach DE will be meet bi-monthly and held its first meeting in December. Workshop groups will meet monthly and recommendations will be presented in June.

### **P-20 New Business**

It was announced that the Council had scheduled a special meeting for February 27<sup>th</sup> which would allow the opportunity for newly selected Cabinet members or their designees to meet for an update on the activities of the Council. P-20 members were asked to notify the State Board office of any changes in their representation on the Council.

### **Closing/Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m. on a motion by Rep. Jaques that was seconded by Sen. Sokola.